### MINES OF BATOPILAS

Aztecs' Famous Caves Hold Vast Silver Supply.

#### VERITABLE TREASURE HOUSE

For Nearly Three Centuries Holes in Ground Have Never Failed to Give mi of Nature's Hoard, When Worked
Perseveringly-Rich Ore Found at labor receives from \$1 to \$2, Mexican Great Depth-The Longest Tunnel.

From the New York Tribune of these expeditions that, for the first fore that, but many millions were ex- Brown's friends believe that the muitime, Batopilas was entered by the tracted. time. Batoplias was entered by the stranger. It was in 1633, almost three centuries, ago, that one of these parties, descending into the ravine where now lies the city of Batoplias, was astonished to see the brilliant reflection in the river of stonges along the bank. On inspection these were found to contain almost pure these were found to contain almost pure these were found to contain almost pure the stranger. It was in 1633, almost three stranger. It was in 1633, almost three stranger. With the modern methods of working, of the dead woman assert that she was a director of the Union Trust Company to fill a vacancy on the board. Washington Railway and Electric washington Railway and Electric

gives of nature's hoard when the mines silver were taken out of the then principal veins-how much will never be known, for the archives were destroyed by an accidental fire. It is said that Rafael Alonso de Pastrana worked for years in the bonanza which he encoun tered when, discouraged and dispirited, his Exhibition of Views Illustrating money and credit exhausted, he was about to give up. On one occasion he built a road of silver bars from the church to the residence of the Bishop of that prelate to Batopilas. Another favored of fortune was the Marquis of Bustamente, a poor Spanish merchant, who worked the Carmen mine. It is said that he took out \$14,000,000; some say more.

transmit to those with whom he came in contact, early developed the idea of acquiring the whole of this vast mineral tract of native sliver and establishing a great business thus allminating the content of the confederacy, and the old bell tower. President Diaz, who for so many years died, in 1781, when Lafayette was shell-has so ably administered the government ing Petersburg. of Mexico, recognized in him a spirit to develop this part of Mexico, and at no time did he ever refuse him a request, This development scheme included the harnessing of the power of the river to drive the mills, and was accomplished electric power to the mines. The water is then carried from this Hacienda San and testament.

Antonio under the river through a five-foot pipe to the Hacienda San Miguel, Coldren & Fanning, ask that a jury dein cars drawn by gasoline engines, and the ore dumped into the mill, which is at the mouth of the tunnel. All of the machinery had to be brought upon the backs of mules, or burros, for many days.

At the present time, the trip from the railroad may be made in about three days on muleback. As time went on it died. His estate is estimated at \$1,500. was found necessary for the economical repair of the mills to have a foundry, and large castings are now made on the spot, to replace wornout parts. There is a complete machine shop, and a complete system for the reduction of ores and their resignation as assistant inspector in the transformation into the refined silver, contagious-disease service of the health which is transported in the form of bars, department.

railroad, and from there to New York. One million dollars has been paid in dividends, but when the improvements were begun all the products of the mines were put back into exploration work and per-manent improvements. When the busiess was taken up, in 1880, silver was on a par with gold, and, often, silver dollars ere sold at a premium for shipment to Then came the decrease in the value of silver, which was a great blow to all silver producers, and caused many mines in the United States to shut down. It has been possible, however, to work the Batopilas mines, on account of the high grade of the ores, and because of the favorable labor conditions, the best iers not making more than \$2.50 to

The principal mines that are being worked are those of the San Miguel group, which include the Carmen and San An-When the capital of the Aztec empire tonio, which were worked by the ancients, had fallen before the Spanish conquerers, and the Veta Grande, which was unknown ploye of the Bureau of Engraving and apparently, and none being for sale and the hero Cuauhtemoc had been tortured and killed in the vain attempt to
make him reveal the hidden treasure

to the Spaniards, being a blind vein; that
is, one that did not show on the surface,
but which was cut by a tunnel, and on
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which much of the work in recent years make him reveal the hidden treasure house of the Aztecs and to divulge from whence had come the stores of silver whence had come the stores of silver feet below the level of the river, and good when the store was opened by two clerks. and gold, a band of hardy adventurers silver ore has been taken from that depth, spread out over the land to find the thus disproving the old theory that the source of the famed riches. These hardy rich silver was found only at the grass than a year. Owing to his infatuation soldiers of fortune, with sword in hand, left their trail of blood and ashes wherever they found opposition, and, caring naught for hardships, penetrated every corner of the wilderness. It was by one to tell the value of the ore taken out be- cide by inhaling illuminating gas.

have been worked perseveringly. In the early days of the life of the place the Stevens, Samuel Elliott, Louis H. Scott, methods were crude. There was no steel; Henry E. Howland, Francis D. Merchant, iron points were used for drilling, and the Rufus L. Macduffle, Nicholas F. Palmer,

the Jamestown Exposition,

Durango, on the occasion of the visit of Large Collection of Interesting Pho-

in 1840 there remained only ten families the morning until 5 in the afternoon. in the place that had been the "wonder of the vice-royal pride," the pride of the in the coming exposition at Jamestown,

by the modern work, as there has been found at a depth of 2,000 feet as rich ore as had been found near the surface.

The modern history of Batopilas began in 1880, when it was visited by the late ex-Gov. Alexander R. Shepherd, of Washington, D. C. This trip was taken with the idea of the acquisition of the San.

The Varktaway richters include the first woman and san with his idea of the acquisition of the San.

he idea of the acquisition of the San The Yorktown pictures include the first woman, and she with him, and that Miguel Mine, which was purchased; and the governor took up his residence in this isolated spot, which he left only twice in house where Washington was married. als lifetime, and then only for his health. The Richmond pictures show a number Gov. Shepherd, who was a man of great historic monuments, the old capitol, med creative genius, great will power, and tremendous energy, which he seemed to John's Church, where Patrick Henry de

great business, thus eliminating the chances which are always present to the Percy, Lord de Lamar, Lord Dunmore, enances which are always present to the percy, Lord de Lamar, Lord Dunmore, and others prominent la Virginia history this end, after acquiring for his company the principal mines which were for sale, lee went to Mexico and obtained from the Mexican government a concession which was unique in the history of the government. This included the mineral fights to about sixty-one square miles. rights to about sixty-one square miles, headquarters, the Blanford Church, built which covered all of the native silver belt. in 1732, and the house were Gen. Phillips

### CANTWELL WILL CONTESTED.

Nephews Claim Deceased Was Not Capable of Executing Valid Deed. by a dam more than 720 feet in length, of John and James Haggerty, sons of Mrs. Delicious Cher solid masonry, and an aqueduct more Mary Haggerty, of New York, yesterday than two miles long, which furnishes power to move the mill of 100 stamps, and drives the dynamos for the lighting of the works and for the transmission of the works are the lighting of the works are the lighting of the works are the works are the works and for the transmission of the works are the wo

where it is used to move twenty-five more termine the allegations of fact bearing stamps and eight amalgamating pans.

In order to overcome the difficulties of hoisting the ore and rock from a great depth and its transportation from the mines to the mill on muleback (a very costly and sometimes impossible task, because of the scarcity of mules, the great "Porfirio Diaz tunnel" was projected and driven. This tunnel, \$,000 feet long, the longest in Mexico, and one of the longest mining tunnels in the world, are his nearest living relatives, and that their interests would be injured if the paper writing, claimed to be the deceased's wlli, was allowed to probate. They allege that the paper bearing date February 8, 1905, is not his will; that the deceased was not of sound mind, nor lith and I sta, by Wines and London. the longest mining tunnels in the world, deceased was not of sound mind, no opens up a great area for exploration capable of executing a valid deed or con of veins at a depth, and, through it, hundreds of tons of ore are taken out weekly under the undue influence of the importu

las, the railroad reached only as far as San Antonio, Tex., and there was a forty-day stage trip to Chihuahan. San Antonio, Tex., and there was a forty-day stage trip to Chihuahua; from there an additional eight days staging; and then the six to eight day mule trip across the Sierras. Manufacturers and importers of Hospital and Invalid Supplies, Rubber Goods, Orthopedic Appliances, Trusses, &c. Lady attendant. 1664 F ST. NW. E. Z. Cantwell, a half-brother of the de-ceased. Cantwell was an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, in this city, whe

Dr. C. Norman Howard Resigns. Owing to the increase of his private practice, Dr. C. Norman Howard, 1936

## DEATH PACT IS KEPT

L. T. Brown and Margaret Straub End Life Together.

Harness Dealer Kills Sweetheart and Then Commits Suicide in the Street-Leaves Wife and One Child. mained unchanged. money, a day. The work is done mostly Posed as a Single Man.

> shot and killed Margaret Straub, an em-Brown was a married man. He and

these were found to contain almost pure nel, it would seem that this will be one matinees at Chase's Theater Monday. period in 1905. silver in its native state. Immediately the news spread throughout the country, and many flocked to this Eldorado, where All of the equipment, the foundation walls dressed. The world's producers of silver for the next 250 years, as it has been in the past.

All of the equipment, the foundation walls dressed. Proven was fully dressed. Proven was fully dressed. in many cases all that was necessary to do was to give the metal the rounded days the rounded days to give the metal the rounded days the rounded days to give the metal the rounded days the rounded days to give the metal the rounded days to give the metal the rounded days the rounded days the rounded days to give the metal the rounded days the rounded day form and to stamp it with the bust of mines, \$250,000,000 of bullion has been taken mitted. Four shots in all were fired. mines, \$250,900,000 of bullion has been taken out. Governor Enrique C. Creet, the new ambassador from Mexico to the United States, is a director in the company and laborious processes and the expenditure of much time.

From that time to the present this veritable treasure house has never failed to directors of the Batopilas Mining Company. The other directors of the Batopilas Mining Company and the states of the Batopilas Mining Company. The other directors of the Batopilas Mining Company and the states of bullion has been taken out. Governor Enrique C. Creet, the new ambassador from Mexico to the United States, is a director in the company and has always taken a great interest in Batopilas, and believes that unlimited wealth exists within the sixty-one miles of territory of the company. The other directors of the Batopilas Mining Company and believes that unlimited wealth exists within the sixty-one miles of territory of the company. The other directors of the Batopilas Mining Company and has always taken a great interest in Batopilas, and believes that unlimited wealth exists within the sixty-one miles of territory of the company. The other directors of the Batopilas Mining Company and has always taken a great interest in Batopilas, and believes that unlimited wealth exists within the sixty-one miles of territory of the company. The other directors of the Batopilas Mining Company and believes that unlimited wealth exists within the sixty-one miles of territory of the company. The other directors of the Batopilas Mining Company and believes that unlimited wealth exists within the sixty-one miles of territory of the company and has always taken a great interest in Batopilas Mining Company and believes that unlimited wealth exists within the sixty-one miles of the body of the woman was a bed. On the floor beside her lay the body of the mouth. Scale of the Batopilas Mining Company and the sum of the bullets entered the head of Miss Straub. The fourth ended the life of Brown. The body of the woman was a bed. On th pany are George W. Quintard, Edward V. His neck was broken by the bullet. Both by fresh Virginia, 2526; West Virginia and South-Loew, Hosmer B. Parsons, Lyndon H. evidently died instantly evidently died instantly.

Death Compact. methods were crude. There was no steel; Henry E. Howland, Francis D. Merchant, Rufus L. Macduffie, Nicholas F. Palmer, all of New York; Alexander R. Shepherd, all of New York; Alexander R. Shepherd, all of New York; Alexander R. Shepherd, the tragedy was planned by both. From the position of the body of the woman all of New York; Alexander R. Shepherd, the tragedy was planned by both. From the position of the body of the woman all of New York; Alexander R. Shepherd, the tragedy was planned by both. From the position of the body of the woman all of New York; Alexander R. Shepherd, the tragedy was planned by both. From the position of the body of the woman all of New York; Alexander R. Shepherd, the tragedy was planned by both. From the position of the body of the woman all of New York; Alexander R. Shepherd, the tragedy was planned by both. From the position of the body of the woman all of New York; Alexander R. Shepherd, the tragedy was planned by both. From the position of the body of the woman all of New York; Alexander R. Shepherd, the tragedy was planned by both. From the position of the body of the woman all of New York; Alexander R. Shepherd, every obstacle and difficulty millions of Mattingly, of Washington, D. C. the tragedy was planned by both. From appearances she had made no effort to

of the Eighth precinct were notified and made an investigation. Coroner Nevitt viewed the bodies, and decided that the viewed the bodies, and decided that the market firm. Sweet and yams quiet. Potatoes, Metropolitan market firm. Sweet and yams quiet. Potatoes, Metropolitan market firm.

Another, a poor boy, Cristobal Parez, while working for lead in the San Antonio vein, discovered a bonanza. Up to the time of the expulsion of the Spaniards, following the revolution of 1810 and the succeeding years, Batopilas was a flourishing and productive place. At this time it languished and industries died, so that

Spanish kings, and which had drawn particular attention from Humboldt and Gamboa. At that date it was of no more importance than any Indian village in the solitions from the public schools are prize had been removed, new mining camps had been discovered, and with the primitive methods of working then in vogue it was difficult to reap any profit from the work. As nothing had been done below the level, and therefore no silver found, it became the commonly accepted bellef that silver did not occur at any depth. This has been disproved by the modern work, as there has been found at a death of \$200 fear at any depth. This has been disproved by the modern work, as there has been found at a death of \$200 fear at games to the library and their intentions, and that the woman told Brown of her intentions, and that the w

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#### LOCAL FINANCIAL GOSSIP.

Stories in the morning papers about come of legislation, and some of their made on the stock exchange. clients, apparently fearing for their holdings, gave orders to sell out. Capital Traction held its price of the previous day, and the bids upon the pre-Rear of His Store on Fourteenth ferred stock of both corporations re-

Trading in Washington Gas 4s amounted to 112 issues, the lowest price being 562-4, with options taken at 57. Leonard T. Brown, a harness dealer, The stock was not put on record, the scare of last week having passed away

> It was an off day for the brokers with New York connections, and none of the outside stocks, except Greene Copper, were traded in. One hundred Greene brought 32 3-4, a good price as Metropolitan 5s. compared with yesterday's operations Metropolitan 6s, B ..

der and suicide were planned. Brothers avenue merchant, was yesterday elected

This shows a gain of

#### LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET.

BUTTER—Fancy country roll selling well; pricer American firm. Creamery, fancy, 3416a35; do., Western firsts, Capital

LIVE POULTRY-Choice stock scarce and market

the tragedy was planned by both. From appearances she had made no effort to escape after the first shot was fired. The right hand of the girl had been pierced by a bullet, evidently done when she placed it to the side of her head after the first shot.

The discovery was made by Lee H. Smith and Claude C. Gardner. The police of the Eighth precinct were potified and contact and

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Case was one of murder and suicide. The bodies were taken to the morgue,
Brown formerly lived at 1329 Columbia road. He leaves a wife and seven-year-old child. He was thirty years of age. Mrs. Brown resides with placed on exhibition 164 pictures, chiefly photographs to Ulumbia and Seven Photographs and Metropolitan Metropolit

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#### WASHINGTON STOCK MARKET.

Sales-Regular call, 12 o'clock noon-Washington Railway and Electric com., 100 at 40 (buyer 60), 50 at 39%, 50 at 30%, 50 at 39%. Washington Gas, 4 at 56%, 8 at 56%, 25 at 56%, 25 at 56%, 25 at 56%, 25 at 57 (buyer 60). ene Copper, 100 at 32%. Union Trust warrants, 10 at 41, 16 at 40. National Union Insurance, 25 at 74. Graphophone com., 19 at 43. GAS BONDS.

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#### LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4,000; est Chicago, Feb. 12.—CAPTLE-Receipts, 2,00; extracted for Wednesday, 18,000. Market dull. Prime beves, 5.75a6,00; poor to medium, 4,00a5,65; stockers and feeders, 2,70a,760; cows and helfers, 2,75a,5.15; carmers, 1,65a2,70; Texans, 4,00a4,50.

HOGS-Receipts, 25,000; estimated for to-morrow, 38,000. Market strong. Light, 6,75a7,05; roughs, 6,85 a6,95; mixed, 7,00a,7,17b; heavy, 7,05a7,20; pigs, 6,10 a6,85.

SHEEP AND LAMBS-Receipts, 15,000; esti-Baltimore, Feb. 12.-CATTLE-Receipts for week ended at noon to-day were 2.756 head against 2.956 head last week. Seventy-seven cars on sale and market slow and 19 cents lower. Steers, good to choice, 4.56 to 5.80; others, 3.75 to 4.55; cwss. 1.55 to 3.75; bulls, 2.50 to 3.65; stockers and feeders, 3.00 to 4.15; heifers, 3.00 to 4.56; fresh cows, 25.00 to 55.00 per

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Terms of sale: Said property will be sold subject to two certain deeds of trust aggregating \$8.15, due October 11, A. D. 1999, with interest at 5 per cent, vayable semi-annually. One-thurd of the residue of the purchase money to be paid in cash, and the balance in two equal installments, payable in six and twelve months, with interest, at 6 new cent We rent rooms and apartments, furnished or unfurnished, in all parts of Washington. 609 13th St. NW., Ground Floor, "Phone M. 3694.

of the purchase money to be paid in cash, and the balance in two equal installments, payable in six and twelve months, with interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, from day of sale, secured by deed of trust upon the property sold, or aff cash at the option of the purchaser. A deposit of \$500 will be required of the purchaser at the time of sale.

Second, immediately after the above sale, we will sell the stock, fixtures, and good will of the business of optician, as heretofore conducted by the late James M. Dean, on the above-mentioned premises, as a whole. Terms of sale: Cash.

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